

Arts in the Parks

Shakamak State Park Property Profile

Website: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2969.htm>

Key Messages/Stories:

- Shakamak State Park was once an unmanaged forest and abandoned coal mines. The counties of Clay, Greene and Sullivan donated the land to the State of Indiana to build a state park in 1927.
- Early residents mined coal from shaft mines, farmed the rich Wabash valley land and operated several mills and brick plants. Brick was plentiful during the time the park was established, as evidenced by the many buildings and structures finished with brick.
- In the early 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps workers developed much of the park, planting trees and doing erosion control in many areas. Many of the buildings and other structures were also built by the C.C.C.

Top Five Things to Do:

- Swim at the modern pool. A big water slide, diving board and zero degree entry.
- Fish in one of three lakes. Some of the best pan fishing in Southern Indiana.
- Stay a one of 30 cabins.
- Take a hike on one of four trails.
- Visit our seasonal Nature Center.

Lodging: Rent-A-Camp cabins, family cabins, Group Camp, cottages and family camping.

General visitor profile: campers (weekends or weeklong); day-users for picnics and hiking; visiting the nature center; fish in over 400 acres of water; scout and other groups for volunteer service; groups in the group camps; families in the family cabins;

Potential arts venues:

- Various shelter houses:
 - Pool Shelter 75 seating in shelter with a grass area for people to set. Electricity and bathrooms nearby.
 - West Shelter 75 seating in shelter. Electricity and bathroom nearby.
- Nature Center:
 - Small Nature Center

Visitation in FY2014: 500,000

Nearby Communities: Linton, Jasonville, Clay City, Dugger, Sullivan and TerreHaute



Please email questions to Artsintheparks@dnr.IN.gov.

